

CLAIMS

1. A Luneberg lens having a single-layer structure or a multilayer structure containing a plurality of layers having different dielectric constants, wherein
5 the respective structure is produced by mixing a polyolefin resin and/or a derivative thereof with an inorganic filler having a high dielectric constant, the volume ratio of the polyolefin resin and/or the derivative thereof to the filler being 99 to 50:1 to 50, adding a foaming agent to the resulting resin mixture and then performing preliminary expansion, and molding the
10 resulting pre-expanded beads; and wherein at least a foamed dielectric layer having a dielectric constant of 1.5 or more is formed using the pre-expanded beads that have been subjected to classification and selection such that $f(A)$ satisfies the expression $0.0005 \leq f(A) \leq 0.1$, where $f(A)$ is represented by the equation: $f(A) = \sigma a / A_{ave}$, σa is the deviation of a gas volume fraction A_r in the
15 foamed dielectric layer, and A_{ave} is the average of the gas volume fractions A_r at positions in the foamed dielectric layer.

2. The Luneberg lens according to claim 1, wherein the inorganic filler having a high dielectric constant comprises titanium oxide, a titanate, a
20 zirconate, or a mixture thereof.

3. The Luneberg lens according to claim 2, wherein the titanate is barium titanate, strontium titanate, calcium titanate, or magnesium titanate.

4. The Luneberg lens according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the foamed dielectric layer having a dielectric constant of 1.5 or more is formed using the pre-expanded beads classified by gravity separation or size classification.

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5. A method of producing a Luneberg lens that satisfies the requirements described in claim 1, comprising the steps of:

mixing a polyolefin resin and/or a derivative thereof with an inorganic filler having a high dielectric constant, the volume ratio of the polyolefin resin and/or the derivative thereof to the filler being 99 to 50:1 to 50;

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adding a foaming agent to the resulting resin mixture and then performing pre-expansion;

classifying and selecting the resulting pre-expanded beads by gravity separation or size classification; and

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forming the classified and selected pre-expanded beads into a shape.